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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LOUIS C. STENGEL, CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR,  
MANHATTAN INDUSTRIES, INC.

REF: A. STATE A-10100 B. USDOC 0101

1. EMB HAS RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN TALKING WITH  
MR. STENGEL FROM FOLLOWING PERSONS AND FIRMS:

A. MR. COLLIN BIGGER, COMMERCIAL MANAGER, MESURADO  
CORPORATION, A DIVERSIFIED HOLDING COMPANY WHOSE INTERESTS  
RUN FROM FISHING TO DEPARTMENT STORES AND IS KNOWN BE  
INTERESTED IN TEXTILES;

B. MR. A. BENEDICT WEEKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AURIOLE  
ENTERPRISES, WHICH IS LIBERIA'S PRINCIPAL IMPORTER  
OF UNIFORMS AND DEALS IN HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND  
AIR CONDITIONERS; AND

C. MR. GEORGE CHRISAFIS, GENERAL MANAGER, MONROVIA  
TOBACCO CORPORATION, WHICH HAS TEXTILE PLANT FOR  
WEAVING ARTIFICIAL FIBERS BUT IS WAITING GOL  
APPROVAL COMMENCE OPERATIONS.

2. FOR PRESENT ABOVE FIRMS SEEM BE ONLY BETS AND, FRANKLY,  
THEIR INTEREST MILD. PERHAPS OTHER POSSIBILITIES WILL  
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EMERGE AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. STENGEL.

3. IN ADDITION FIRMS PARA 1 EMB BELIEVES CALL ON GOL MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER AND WE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE MEETING WITH DEP. MIN. RICHARD MORRIS. EMB WILL ALSO TRY CONFIRM MR. STENGEL'S RESERVATIONS AT DUCOR.

4. COMMENT: REF A ASKED EMB ARRANGE DEFINITE APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. STENGEL. EMB HAS INSTEAD ARRANGED TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS. REASON FOR THIS ACTION IS PAST EXPERIENCE WHERE SLIPPAGE LONG RANGE TRAVEL PLANS OF BUSINESS VISITORS HAS PLACED EMB IN EMBARRASSING POSITION HAVING MAKE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS, OFTEN WITH HIGH-RANKING GOL AND BUSINESS OFFICIALS. THIS, OF COURSE, DIMINISHES THEIR RECEPTIVITY TO SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT REQUESTS.  
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